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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Joseph P. FELL et al.	)
Serial No. 09/215,951	) Examiner: A. Chevalier
Filed: December 18, 1998	) Art Unit: 1772
For: STRETCHABLE COMPOSITE MATERIAL HAVING CONTINUOUS GATHERS	) )

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

THE THE TOTAL STATES This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2002 (Paper No. 23). The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments below and reconsideration of the objections and rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

The present amendment is timely filed with the enclosed Petition for a THREE Month Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136) and check for payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).